

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORITY OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2004.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Rob Stevenson (Chair), Marc Mouton (Vice Chair), Christopher J. Williams, Ph.D., Louis C. Benjamin, Jr., Bruce Conque

ABSENT: None

COUNCIL STAFF: Norma Dugas (Clerk of the Council), Veronica Williams (Assistant Clerk), Monica Fontenot (Administrative Assistant)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: L.J. Durel, Jr. (City-Parish President), Pat Ottinger (City-Parish Attorney), Terry Huval (Director of Utilities), Eleanor Bouy (Director of Planning, Zoning & Codes), Interim Chief Randy Hundley (Police Department), Tony Tramel (Director of Traffic & Transportation)

COMMENCEMENT

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(001)AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Chair Rob Stevenson called the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority Meeting of September 21, 2004 to order.

EXECUTIVE/PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(006)AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: President's Report.
None was given.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(008)AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: LUS Director's Report.

Terry Huval briefed the LPUA on the latest efforts of LUS on assisting residents in Alabama and Florida after Hurricane Ivan. Mouton read a letter from the Mayor of Gainesville, Florida who expressed her appreciation for the assistance and professionalism that LUS employees had portrayed during their stay assisting other energy companies on returning electricity to the citizens following Hurricane Charley.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(090)AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: O-034-2004(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority amending Ordinance No. O-050-2003 (LPUA), Section 4 to include additional limits for the 2004 Electric Power Generation Addition Project. A motion to approve by Benjamin, seconded by Conque, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Benjamin, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was approved.

Huval explained LUS had requested from the authority authorization to purchase property by declaring public necessity. Since the planning process has developed for the site, it is apparent that some of the routes that were to be considered will possibly fall outside of the area of the previous authorization for public necessity. Therefore, the subject ordinance amends the original ordinance in order for authorization to continue to move forward with the project.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(111)AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: O-035-2004(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority authorizing the acquisition of the necessary servitudes and immovable property rights, in full ownership, requisite to the upgrading, construction, operation, and/or maintenance of Sewer Pumping Station Number 60 on an amicable basis. A motion to approve by Conque, seconded by Benjamin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Benjamin, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was approved.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(119)AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: O-036-2004(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority naming the new generating facility to be constructed on Beau Pré Road the Hargis-Hébert Electric Generating Station. A motion to approve by Mouton, seconded by Conque, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Benjamin, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was approved.

Huval read biographical sketches of the two gentlemen for which the facility will be named. Mr. Hargis moved to Lafayette in the early 1950's when he was employed by the contractor constructing the now-retired Curtis Rodemacher Power Plant located at Pinhook and General Mouton. He was hired on August 1, 1955 as Manager of the Utilities Department, was appointed as the first Director of Utilities and retired in 1975. Today, he is 99 years old and continues to stay active in the community and offers ready-advice about issues facing LUS today. Much of the basic utilities infrastructure operating in the city today occurred under Mr. Hargis' leadership.

Huval recognized Mr. Hargis and presented him with a plaque. Mr. Hargis commented that when he first came to Lafayette 50 years ago, the operating system was already many years old but still small. He commended those who have taken the opportunities to continue to expand LUS to what it is today and how it will be in the future.

Huval then recognized Roy Hebert for his contributions. Mr. Hebert worked in the Electric Production Division of LUS from 1944 until his retirement in November 1978. He held the position of Electric Production Superintendent, overseeing the operation and maintenance of electric production facilities as LUS grew through the installation of several units. Hebert was visionary, leading the employees through many levels of power generating progress, including the installation of units at the Rodemacher and Doc Bonin Generating Plants. Even after retiring, he continued to serve LUS as needed, encouraging employees to grow, sharing his knowledge of the plant and assisting in documenting the historical account of its growth.

Mr. Hebert passed away on December 1, 2000 at the age of 80 years old and is still being recognized for his vision and dedication to the plant. He called upon Ms. Freyou, a representative of the Hebert family who thanked LUS for commemorating their father along with Mr. Hargis in naming the Hargis-Hebert station in their honor. Huval then invited everyone to attend a reception being held in the atrium in honor of the three gentlemen.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(378)AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: O-037-2004(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority naming the new generating facility to be constructed on Renaud Road the T.J. Labbé Electric Generating Station. A motion to approve by Mouton, seconded by Conque, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Benjamin, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was approved.

Huval read a biographical sketch for T. J. Labbe'. Mr. Labbe' was hired as the Chief Engineer for the City of Lafayette Utilities Department in July 1956. Over the course of the next twenty years, he maintained that position while the job title changed several times with the last being Utilities Chief Engineer. During that time period, he designed and supervised many projects that helped the Lafayette Utilities System's electrical system grow and the city grew. After being promoted to Associate Director in 1979, he began to oversee the operations of all three utilities services: electric, water and wastewater. After two years, he was appointed and served as Director of Utilities from September 1981 through January 1988 when he retired with 30 years of service to LUS. Mr. Labbe' passed away on January 16, 1996. Huval added that Lafayette was fortunate to benefit from Mr. Labbe''s tremendous work in our community.

At this point, Huval presented a plaque to Mrs. Labbe' and his family. One of his daughters thanked everyone, on behalf of the family, for honoring her father.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(535)AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: O-038-2004(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority providing for the reservation of a drainage and utility easement on Lot 16 of Carrington Place, having a municipal address of 121 Basile Road or 201 Pardrew Lane. A motion to approve by Mouton, seconded by Benjamin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Benjamin, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Williams

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was approved.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(545)AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: O-039-2004(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority providing for the abandonment of a utility easement on Lot 13 of Belle Plaine Subdivision, having a municipal address of 213 Belle Plaine Avenue. A motion to approve by Mouton, seconded by Conque, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Benjamin, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Williams

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was approved.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(555)AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: O-040-2004(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority authorizing the execution of an Act of Abandonment and Revocation of Dedication relative to certain rights-of-way shown in Huval Holiday City, Extension No. 1, on a plat of survey recorded under Entry Number 78-11768, records of Lafayette Parish. A motion to approve by Conque, seconded by Mouton, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Benjamin, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Williams

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(571)AGENDA ITEM NOS. 11-12: A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Conque, to approve for introduction the following ordinances, in-globo, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Benjamin, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Williams

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was approved.

11. O-041-2004 An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority providing for the abandonment of portions of the right of passage and utility easement on Lot D-133 in Phase VII-B of the Village of River Ranch, having a municipal address of 209 Princeton Woods Loop.
12. O-042-2004 An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority authorizing the Lafayette City-Parish President to enter into Amendment No. 4 to the Wholesale Water Agreement between the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government and Lafayette Parish Waterworks District South.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(585)AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Comments from the public concerning the above Introductory Ordinances.

No speakers.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(588)AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Comments from the public on other matters.

No speakers.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the LPUA, Chair Stevenson declared the Regular LPUA meeting adjourned.

Norma A. Dugas
Clerk of the Council